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**STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 25, 2010
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Treadwell, Acting Chair
Arleen Downing
Gretchen Hester
Marie Kanne-Poulsen
Pamela Quiroz
Theresa Rossini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Toni Doman
Rick Ingraham
Beverley Morgan-Sandoz
Elaine Fogel Schneider

STAFF

Jeannie Smalley, ICC Manager
Patric Widmann, ICC Supervisor
Stacie Reed, ICC Coordinator
Carolyn Walker, ICC Recorder, WestEd

OTHERS PRESENT:

Refer to Attachment A for a complete list of attendees.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cheryl Treadwell called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. She mentioned that parking passes are available from Stacie Reed. Theresa noted that Elissa Provance was no longer the ICC recorder since she has accepted a position with her Synagogue as Communications Director. We wish her the best.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions under Other Business

- OSEP survey
- OSEP Mega Conference

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2010 MEETING NOTES

The minutes were approved without changes.

DDS STATUS UPDATE

On behalf of Rick Ingraham, Jeannie Smalley reported the following:

OSEP Ranking of California's Part C Program

On it's current report card, OSEP gave California's Part C program a Rank 2 on a four rank system, Rank 1 being the highest rank ("meets requirements"), Rank 4 being the lowest ("needs substantial intervention"), and Rank 2 meaning "needs assistance". DDS will work with OSEP and get any technical assistance necessary.

OSEP Verification Visit

DDS is preparing for an OSEP verification visit the week of November 15, 2010. OSEP will also be visiting the California Department of Education on Part B in late September 2010.

Scheduling Future ICC Meetings

Theresa Rossini raised the issue that due to mandated furloughs, the October meeting will need to be rescheduled. The 2011 meeting schedule will also need to be revised. Since the ICC has requested to meet with OSEP during their visit, Theresa suggested that the next ICC meeting be scheduled for the week of OSEP's visit in November. The EC agreed to change meeting dates to November 17 and 18, 2010 to accommodate the OSEP meeting visit. If these proposed dates are not available, then alternative dates will be November 4 and 5, 2010.

Funding

Jeannie indicated that the Prevention Program funding of \$26 million in general funds has not yet been allocated to regional centers for current year. It is likely that funding will be allocated based on caseload. Theresa asked how much it has cost to implement the Prevention Program this past year. DDS is compiling information and will share data at the next meeting.

Patric Widmann reported that DDS is in the process of reviewing it's outreach materials for ways to conserve costs due to budget constraints. DDS is now required to use the Office of State Publishing for all of the Early Start printing. This has prompted DDS to consider going "green" offering the opportunity to reduce costs and stay within budget. Patric indicated that the agency will be looking at the ICC packet and how it can be pared down, perhaps by posting more information on DDS's ICC webpage instead of including everything in the ICC packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Cheryl requested that all standing committees allow 15 or 20 minutes at the beginning of their meeting this afternoon to complete an OSEP survey. The survey is part of OSEP's pre-visit preparation. OSEP will be using the information gleaned from the survey as an opportunity to explore different areas of the system. Patric clarified that there are actually two surveys, the second being more technical, and that some members may not have the

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knowledge to complete it. Patric indicated that the survey will be emailed to all ICC members and community representatives. She also indicated that stamped, self-addressed envelopes are available to return the survey for those who were unable to complete it during the meeting today. WestEd will compile the survey results for OSEP.

REVIEW OF AUGUST 2010 ICC AGENDA

Theresa requested one correction on the ICC agenda for tomorrow. Item #4 should be approval of the April minutes, *not* the February minutes. Theresa reminded the group that tomorrow there will be a presentation on the proposed Early Start Personnel Manual (ESPM) by Maurine Ballard-Rosa and confirmed that Marie Kanne-Poulsen would introduce Dr. Ballard-Rosa.

It was agreed that no action would be taken on the 2011 meeting schedule due to the furlough situation. Schedule needs to be revised with new meeting dates proposed for action at the next meeting.

FUTURE ICC PRESENTATIONS:

A variety of potential topics were proposed and discussed, including:

- The Infant Family Early Childhood Mental Health endorsement process by Mary Clare Hefron;
- The Special Start Project (now housed at UCSF); California Department of Social Services (CDSS) staff is available to present in November 2010.
- Panel presentation on family support organizations such as Family Empowerment Centers, Family Resource Centers, Parent Training Information Centers and others on how we can collaborate, obtain more parent input and what the families they represent need from the ICC. Pamela Quiroz volunteered to help Debbie Sarmiento organize the presentations for the February meeting.
- Theresa reported that she had heard at OSEP that people are working with programming children diagnosed with autism as young as 12 months of age and asked if that is a topic that interested the ICC. No consensus was reached on whether this would be a future presentation topic.

OTHER BUSINESS

▪ Under-Representation and Outreach Work Group – Debbie Sarmiento

Debbie announced that she will not be able to continue as chair of this workgroup. Theresa and Angela McGuire reminded everyone that the Standing Committees were asked in August to identify individuals who would be interested in serving on the workgroup. Response has been limited.

A brief history of the evolution of the work group, its purpose and why it remains on the agenda was reviewed. A discussion followed regarding whether there was enough interest to continue the workgroup. The ICC already made a determination that it wants more global and diverse representation from families. The community representatives have historically

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represented the parent perspective. Ultimately, the EC determined that the topic is one they want to keep alive.

Appointment of New Community Representatives

Cheryl announced the appointment of new community representatives who are willing to work on any committee and anxious to become involved:

- Dominique De Borba, a parent from a Family Resource Center in Southern California.
- Connie Moreland-Bishop from Far Northern Regional Center.
- Jennifer Griffin, a parent from a Family Resource Center in Southern California.

Two other prospective appointees, Marty Omoto of California Disability Action Network and Maurine Ballard-Rosa of Sacramento State University are also being approached to serve on the ICC as community representatives.

Parent Leadership Award

The EC was reminded that the deadline to accept parent leadership nominations was revised to September 3, 2010. Hard copies of the nomination applications are located on the tables of the rear of the room.

OSEP Mega Conference in Washington D.C.

Theresa shared that OSEP decided they would have a “mega” conference with four different strands: 1) a parent strand, 2) an Early Childhood Strand that included the ICC chairs, Part C Coordinators and 619 coordinators, 3) collaborative leadership strand that had overlapped with OSEP before, and 4) state directors strand. Virginia Reynolds elaborated that the conference was called the 2010 OSEP Leadership Conference: from Cradle to Career. That is the phraseology that the federal Departments of Education and Health and Human Services are using to integrate services for children birth to eight years of age. They are modeling cross-divisional, cross agency collaboration.

Theresa congratulated Community Representative Shane Nurnberg who presented at the conference on new applications available on the iPhone, iPad and other technologies for people with developmental disabilities.

California was represented by close to 60 people from both Part C and B. There was limited parent representation from California. Quarterly meetings were suggested. The following topics were discussed at the gathering of ICC chairs:

- The direction in which the administration is heading is to an inclusive system of services for children birth to 8 years of age. It was suggested that the ICC explore expanding their focus from birth to five by having the Standing Committees discuss and share feedback with the full ICC.
- States are expressing dissatisfaction with how the funding is allocated.
- Strategies were shared about how various ICCs are incorporating technology such as video conferencing into their meetings.

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- Parent involvement varies from state to state. Some ICCs are chaired by parents, some model parent/professional partnerships; one has three chairs-two parents and a professional; many have parents with children under 13 on their boards. California is one of the few states that has major issues with getting parents on the ICC. Most ICCs with parents meet for only one day, which makes it easier for parents to attend. New York, for example meets one day, four to six times a year. Everyone is amazed that California meets for two days and wonders how we do it. California is the only state that has Community Representatives;
- There was a brief discussion about how to involve and compensate parents. Often parents are working and can't take off time, particularly low-income parents. Some small states try to make meetings very parent friendly by having pot-lucks, holding them at people's homes, etc. Massachusetts gives cash to parents to reimburse them. Other states have a credit card arrangement. Other states contract out payments to the family resource centers, for example. Others meet at night. Others have families bring their children and provide daycare for them.
- The differences in operating dynamics between ICCs and their lead agencies was also discussed

Deborah Benitez attended a technical session dealing with the data on early childhood outcomes. Most sessions were about how to collect data and to tie the data not just to outcomes but also to improvement activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

ATTACHMENT A

STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Brigitte Ammons
Fran Chasen
Bev Ching
Terry Colborn
Kathleen Colvin
Al Milan
Peter Michael Miller
Shane Nurnberg
Letha Sellars

GUESTS

Cindy Arstein-Kerslake
Mary Goldberg

DEPARTMENT LIAISONS

Michele Donahue
Erin Paulsen
Nancy Grosz Sager

WESTED STAFF

Debbie Benitez
Peter Guerrero
Patsy Hampton
Angela McGuire
Stephanie Myers
Virginia Reynolds